

Report on the 2009 Dual Enrollment Policy and Participation Survey

As a requirement of the Commission on Higher Education's *Statewide Higher Education Policy for Delivery and Transferability of "Dual Enrollment" Coursework Offered in High Schools*, the Commission is required to "issue annually a report on dual enrollment offerings of the prior year by public institutions of higher education in South Carolina." The information for the Dual Enrollment Survey is collected from the institutions through a survey focused primarily on policy compliance and a spreadsheet focused on course offerings and participation. The USC system institutions responded directly to the CHE; the technical colleges responded to their system office and the data was transmitted to the CHE. For the 2009 Dual Enrollment Survey, institutions reported on dual enrollment participation in the 2007-2008 academic year.

According to the responses submitted by the institutions, all but two of the institutions offering dual enrollment courses are in full compliance with Commission policy. The two institutions that are non-compliant, USC-Aiken and USC-Union, failed to document that they meet the requirement that:

Prior to course registration, an institution offering a dual enrollment course shall advise students in writing that it is the student's responsibility to contact and receive written assurance from any nonpublic institution in South Carolina or any public or private institution outside South Carolina of that institution's willingness to accept a dual enrollment course toward degree requirements.

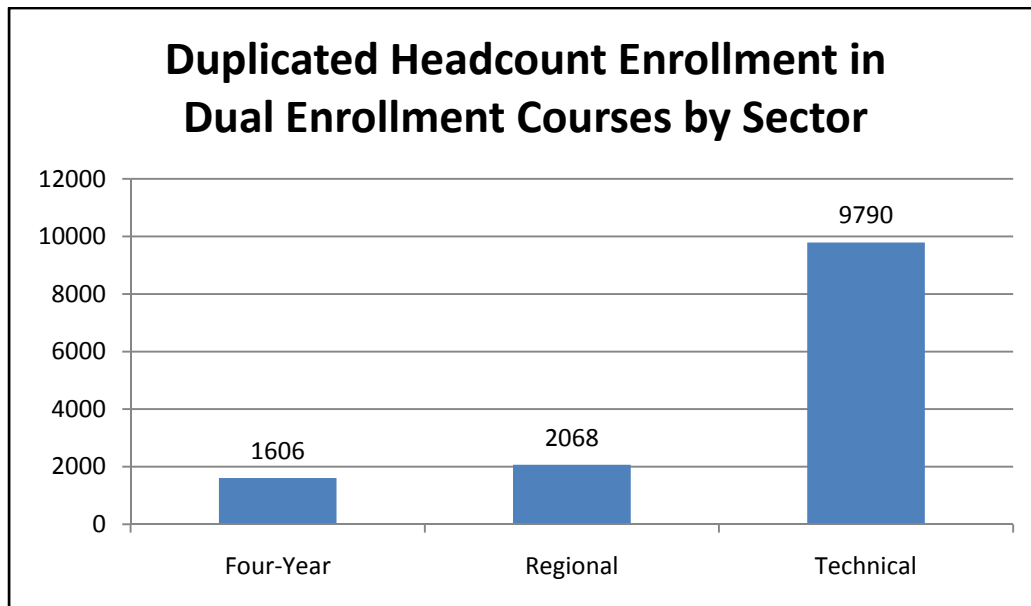
In 2007, 14 institutions reported non-compliance on this section of the policy, and in 2008, four institutions reported non-compliance. USC-Union is the only institution not meeting this requirement in both 2008 and 2009.

As part of the survey, institutions were asked to provide detailed information on courses offered, the number and high school class level of students taking the courses, the locations of courses offered, and the cost to students taking the courses. These data are presented below. Please note that some institutions were unable to provide some of the detailed information requested due to the way they collect student data. Therefore, the sum of the student totals shown for the high school class levels do not add up to the total number of students enrolled in dual enrollment courses.

Student numbers reported in the survey are **duplicated headcount** numbers. Thus, a student taking two dual enrollment courses is counted twice. According to the survey, there were 13,464 students (duplicated headcount) enrolled in dual enrollment courses in 2007-08; however, according to CHEMIS data from 2007-2008, there were 7,532 high school students who took college courses. It is probable that at least some of these high school students were not dually enrolled and getting both high school and college course credit; therefore, the number of students enrolled in dual enrollment courses is less than 7,532.

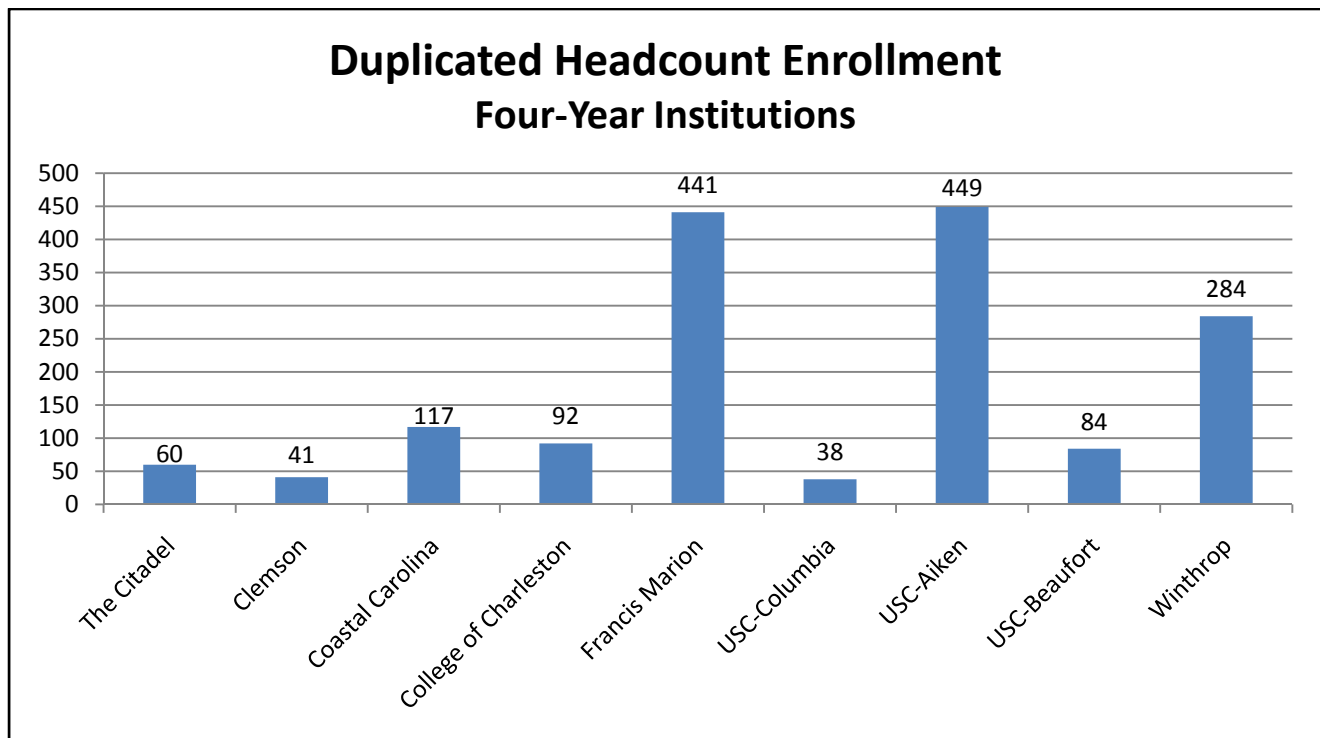
- Twenty-nine of the state's 33 institutions offer dual enrollment courses as follows:
 - 2 research universities (all but MUSC)
 - 7 teaching universities (all but Lander, SCSU, and USC-Upstate)
 - 4 two-year regional campuses of USC
 - 16 technical colleges

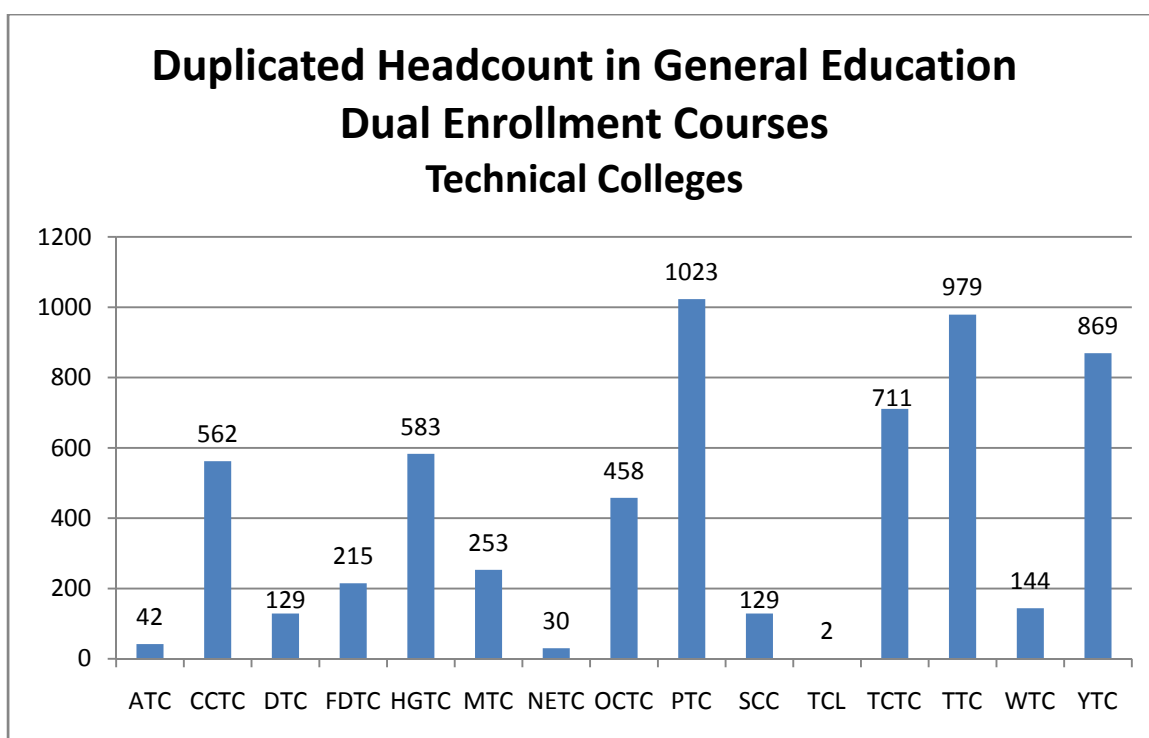
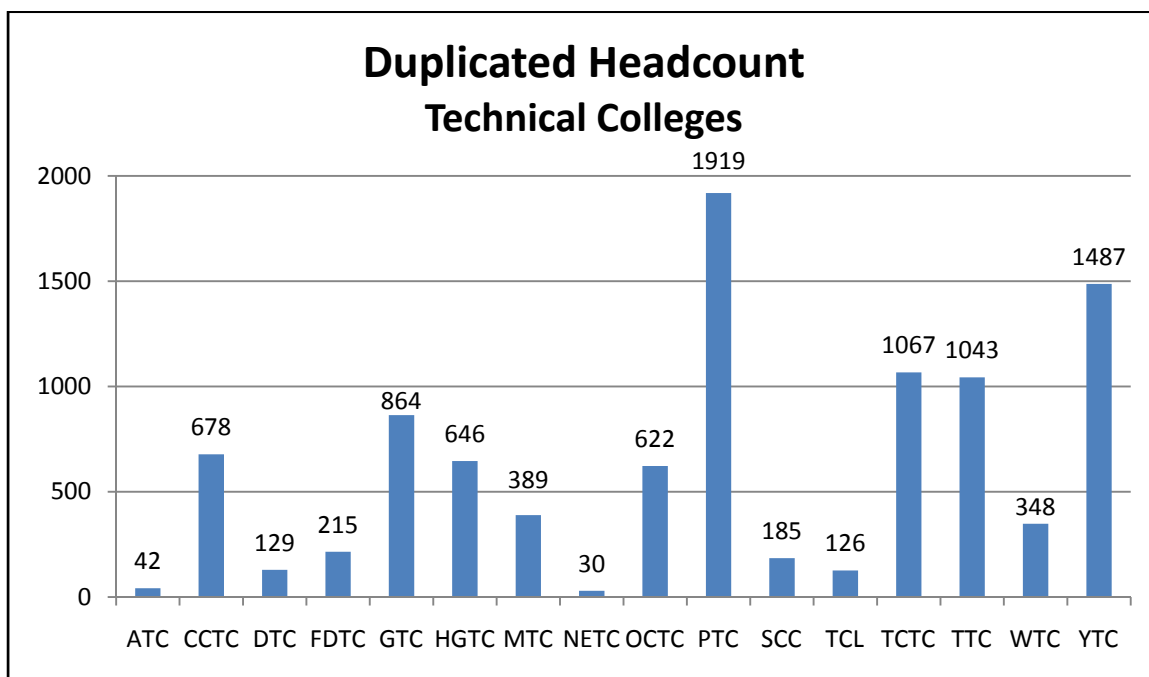
- Approximately 186 different courses in 46 subject areas were offered in 931 different sections. Due to unique course-naming conventions among the four-year universities, the actual number of functional subject areas and courses may be slightly less than presented. The number of subject areas taught is slightly fewer than last year (51), but the number of courses and sections has increased.
- The four-year institutions offered 135 sections of dual enrollment courses, 14.5% of the total:
 - 1 section of a general education course
 - 132 sections of courses focused on the Teacher Cadet program (increase from 85 last year)
- The USC regional institutions offered 126 sections of dual enrollment courses, 13.5% of the total.
- The technical colleges offered a total of 670 sections of dual enrollment coursework, 72% of the total:
 - 385 sections of 15 different general education courses
 - 212 sections in 24 different technical courses
 - 31 sections of college introduction (COL) courses
 - 42 sections for which incomplete information was provided
- There were 13,464 students (duplicated headcount) enrolled in dual enrollment courses in 2007-08. Approximately 72% of the students taking dual-enrollment courses do so through technical colleges.



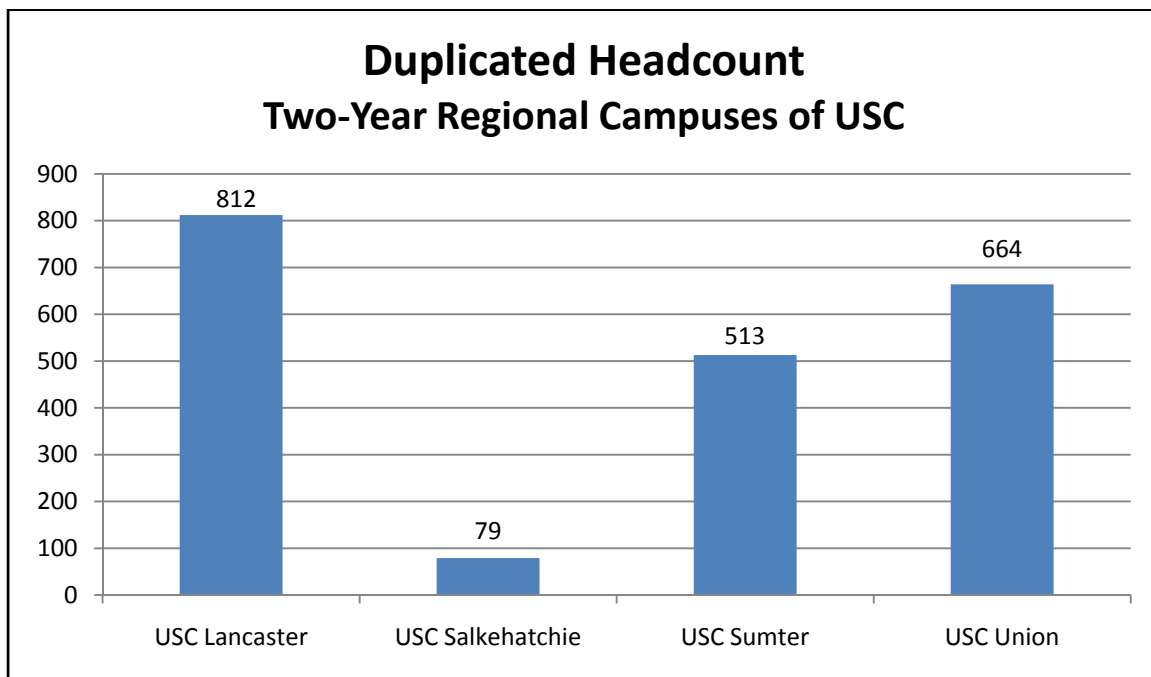
Note: The technical colleges only report students who are enrolled in courses specifically designed as dual enrollment courses in collaboration with school districts. Therefore, high school students independently enrolled in technical college courses which are not designated as dual enrollment courses are not captured in this chart.

- Dual enrollment courses were offered in public high schools, private schools and academies, college campuses, and through distance education.
- Student costs for dual enrollment courses ranged from \$0 to \$252 per course:
 - Institutions charge different amounts for courses based on the type of course, the location, and contract details with the school district.
 - Regional campuses varied widely from USC-Salkehatchie (ranges from \$0 to \$252 per course) to USC-Union (no student cost for dual enrollment courses).
 - The Technical College System did not report cost figures for dual enrollment programs; therefore, it is not possible to compare student costs in the technical colleges.
 - Most four-year institutions reported no direct costs to students. Among four-year institutions, USC-Columbia reported the highest student cost per course at \$132.
- A total duplicated headcount of 13,464 students took dual enrollment courses offered at 207 locations during the 2007-2008 academic year. The general patterns of enrollment are shown in the charts below.



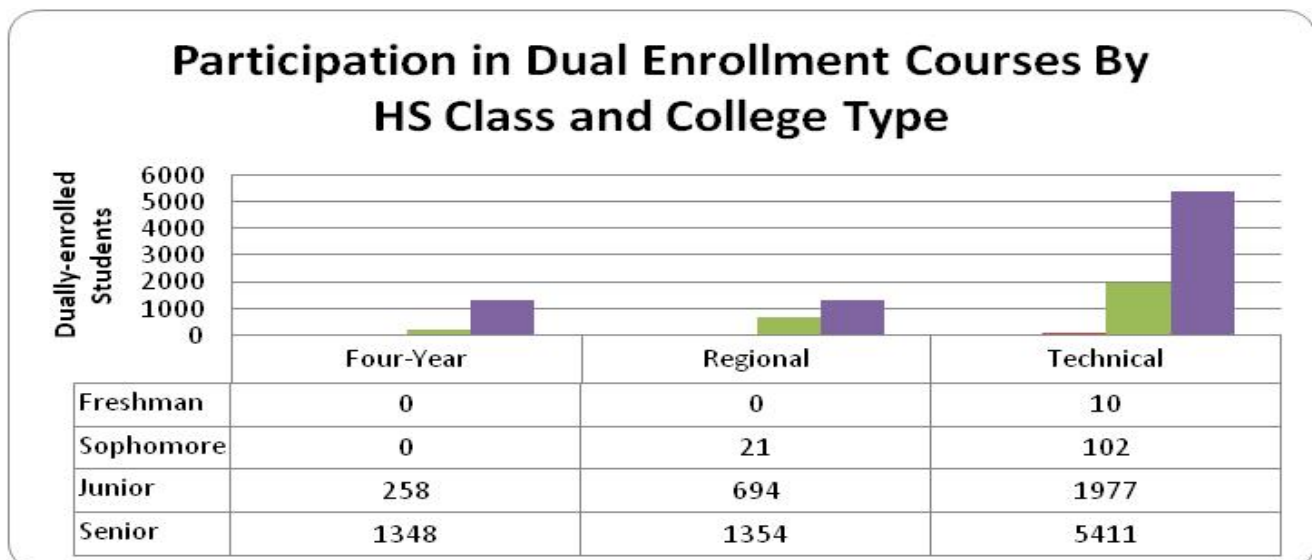


Note: Greenville Technical College is not included in this chart because the institution only offered technical courses for dual enrollment.



- In 2007-2008, of the dual enrollment courses offered by the four-year institutions:
 - the only four-year university offering General Education dual enrollment courses was Coastal Carolina;
 - nine four-year universities offered the Teacher Cadet course (seven institutions offered this course exclusively); and
 - USC-Beaufort offered two hospitality management courses.

In addition to the total enrollment in dual enrollment courses, institutions were also required to report the high school class level of participating students. However, some institutions did not provide this information for all of their dual enrollment offerings. The distribution of participants by high school class is presented in the chart below.



The top ten dual enrollment subject areas (based on student enrollment) are shown below. Please note that some course prefixes have been combined (e.g., ENG and ENGL) in order to produce common subject-area totals.

